



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 16, 1999

H.R. 2367

Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 1999

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations
on September 9, 1999*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2367 would authorize appropriations for grants to foreign and domestic centers for the treatment of torture victims and for contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture in years 2001 through 2003. CBO estimates that appropriation of the authorized amounts would result in additional outlays of \$59 million over the next five years.

Because H.R. 2367 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2367 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs) and budget function 600 (income security).

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

The bill would authorize appropriations totaling \$25 million a year for fiscal years 2001 through 2003. The estimate assumes enactment of the bill and subsequent appropriation of the authorized amounts by the beginning of the fiscal years specified. CBO used historical spending rates to estimate outlays.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Authorization Level ^a	8	18	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	3	9	8	3	2	1
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	0	25	25	25	0
Estimated Outlays	0	0	8	17	20	14
Spending Under H.R. 2367						
Authorization Level ^a	8	18	25	25	25	0
Estimated Outlays	3	9	16	20	22	15

a. The 1999 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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